

Application No. 09/591,443
Amendment dated March 26, 2004
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REMARKS

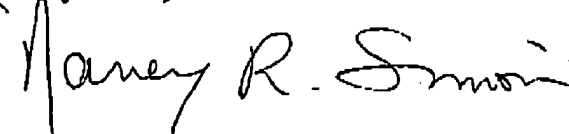
Claims 2-3, 6, 12-13, and 18-21 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-11, and 14-17 are currently pending in the application.

The Examiner rejected claims 20 and 21 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admitted prior art in view of Sakata et al. (JP 2000-032510). Claims 20 and 21 have been canceled, so such rejection is now moot.

The Examiner stated claims 1, 4, 5, 7-11, and 14-17 were allowable. Applicant has amended the claims so that claims 1, 4, 5, 7-11, and 14-17 are the only claims pending in the application. Applicant therefore requests the allowance of such claims.

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